

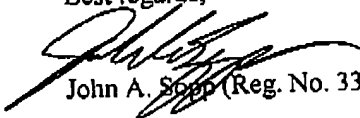
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Dear Mr. Group:

Per our telephone discussion of August 7, 2006, attached is the signed copy of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 referred to in the Reply filed July 6, 2006.

It will be readily apparent that the date indicated for the signature of January 11, 2006, cannot be correct since the rejection over EP 164,162 was first made in the March 7, 2006, Office Action. The wrong date occurred due to a clerical error in using a template from a previous declaration to prepare this declaration and neglecting to change the date. The undersigned hereby verifies, based on reasonable inquiry, that the declaration was actually signed on or shortly before May 29, 2006. It is believed that this verification by applicants' representative will be sufficient to correct the non-substantive error in the declaration. However, if necessary, applicants will provide a re-executed declaration when the declarant returns from holidays at the end of August.

Best regards,


John A. Sopp (Reg. No. 33, 103)

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